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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - FIRST PREPCOM

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1. COMMITTEE REPORT APPROVED IN FINAL DAY PERPCOM.
PROCEDURAL ISSUES SETTLED ALONG LINES REFTEL. SUBSTANTIVE
ISSUES TREATED UNDER HEADINGS DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA.
COMMITTEE WAS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON ASSESSMENT PRESENT
FOOD SITUATION AND PROJECTIONS FOR FUTURE. NEED TO AVOID
OVER-AMBITIOUS OR EXCESSIBLY DETAILED EXERCISE WAS RECOGNIZED
AND RECOMMENDATION MADE TO BUILD ASSESSMENT AROUND ALREADY
AVAILABLE SECONDARY SOURCES. SOME DISAGREEMENT SURFACED
OVER WORLD FOOD SECURITY ISSUE WITH SOVIETS
AND EASTERN EUROPEANS FIRMLY OPPOSING EXAMINATION OF STOCK-
HOLDING SYSTEM OR EARLY WARNING SYSTEM ON FOOD SHORGAGES.
PREVAILING VIEW OF NEED TO EXAMINE THESE ISSUES WAS RETAINED IN
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REPORT, WITH DISSENTING EASTERN EUROPEAN VIEW TACKED ON IN

ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH. MEASURES FOR INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION ATTRACTED VARIETY OF PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION, MOST COUCHED IN TERMS SHOWING ABSENCE OF COMMITTEE CONSENSUS. HOWEVER, FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AS ELEMENT IN IMPROVED CONSUMPTION WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED.

2. AS ANTICIPATED, TRADE ISSUES GENERATED THE MOST EXTENSIVE DEBATE AND MOST DIVERGENT POINTS OF VIEW. THE FRENCH DELEGATION OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY OBJECTING TO A PARAGRAPH TO THE DRAFT REPORT WHICH STATED THAT "THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE CONFERENCE COULD USEFULLY DISCUSS SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT" AND SUGGESTED ACTION TO ENCOURAGE EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, STABILIZE FOOD PRICES AND ACHIEVE GREATER CONSISTENCY BETWEEN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL POLICY WITHIN AGREED OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT. THE FRENCH DELEGATION PROPOSED THAT THE PARAGRAPH BE AMENDED TO INDICATE THAT IT DID NOT EXPRESS THE VIEW OF ALL DELEGATIONS. AT THIS POINT, THE U.S. OFFERED THE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE FORMULA:.

QUOTE THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE QUESTION OF FOOD BALANCES AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE WERE HIGHLY INTER-LINKED AND THAT THE CONFERENCE COULD USEFULLY DISCUSS THOSE ASPECTS WHICH HAVE A BEARING ON THE SOLUTION OF THE FOOD PROBLEM AND WHICH COULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT AFTER THE CONFERENCE THROUGH EXISTING INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR ENCOURAGING INCREASED FOOD AVAILABILITY AND FOR ACHIEVING MORE STABLE FOOD PRICES ON WORLD MARKETS AND FOR ACHIEVING GREATER CONSISTENCY BETWEEN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL POLICIES. END QUOTE

3. ARGENTINE DEL OBJECTED IMMEDIATELY, HOWEVER, AND IT BECAME APPARENT THAT NO COMPROMISE FORMULA WOULD SATISFY THE MANY DIVERGENT VIEWS EXPRESSED. SECTION, AS FINALLY ADOPTED, REFLECTED DIVERGENT VIEWS OF LDC'S, EC COUNTRIES, AND OTHER DC'S (INCLUDING US, CANADA, AUSTRALIA) IN SEPARATE PARAGRAPHS.

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